

# Rambles around the IW

## in association with the IW Ramblers

**Description:** A short walk around Rookley, across fields with panoramic scenery

**Distance:** 2.2 miles

**Start:** Park by the green at Rookley on the Niton Road. Bus no 3 from Newport.

**Access information:** Mainly level walk which can be quite muddy after periods of rain. There are 9 stiles to cross and one set of steps.

**Refreshments:** Co-op can provide some take away food and drinks. Rookley Country Park restaurant. The Chequers pub is further along the Niton Road.

**Toilets:** Patrons of The Chequers, Rookley Country Park

**Route:** From the Niton Road (1), walk to the Main Road and turn left (2), and then left into Bunkers Lane (3). Walk up the lane passing houses and emerge onto a rough track which

enters a wood. Follow the track as it meanders along the edge of the wood. Just before a right hand bend, turn sharp left up some wooden steps (4). Go over the stile and then through a metal gate.

Follow the fenced path along the field edge with panoramic views across the valley and downs. Go up the slope and over a stile into a field. Cross the field aiming for farm buildings in the distance. At the mid-point of a fence (5), cross a double stile, and so head right towards the farm. Go through a 7 bar metal gate and soon turn right (6) to go through another 7 bar farm gate. Follow the grassy track which bends to the left and leads to a field corner (7). Cross a left-hand stile into an enclosed path and cross a small wooden bridge. Go on along the sunken path to cross two stiles into a field (8) and turn left. Follow the field edge heading towards a white house. In the corner of the

field cross a stile into a garden (9). Follow this right of way on the left side of a garden towards a tree by a brick garage and find a stile in the hedge. This leads down onto a lane. Here turn right and follow Harts Lane to the main road by a post box. Turn left along the main road on the verge. After a field gap and a chevron sign, there is a path signposted on the right (10). Follow the footpath across open fields and emerge between houses onto the main road. Turn left (11) and follow this back to the green soon passing the Co-op on the left and Rookley Country park on the right.

